(d) to (f) Subsequent to the incident, necessary steps have been taken to step up surveillance and strengthen security, wherever required, of scientific/research and other vital establishments.

Funding of militants through Hawala

355. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain money exchange offices based in the Meddle East are suspected to be involved in hawala operations to fund militants in Jammu and Kashmir.

(b) if so, the number of persons so far arrested by the police for having funded the terrorist groups; and

(c) the steps taken by the Central Government to stop such activities of these persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The arrest of a Dubai based engineer in Delhi on February 3, 2006, and recovery of Rs. 55 lakh, RDX, Detonator, timer, etc. from him confirms the involvement of Middle East money exchangers in Hawala operations to fund militancy in Jammu and Kashmir.

(c) Various agencies of the Central Government and the State Government are coordinating amongst themselves and taking necessary actions for tackling the menace of terrorist funding in all its dimensions. Apart from this the Government has constituted two Apex Level Committee, one at Central level and another at State level to check the inflow of funds to the terrorist/secessionist outfits in Jammu and Kashmir.

Denial of entry into India

356. SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many people who got visas from Indian Missions abroad were not allowed to enter India and returned because the computer at the airport did not have their names;